

August 22, 2013

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; St. Comm. Dieterle; Becky Higgins; Randy Yeida; Susan Marshall; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens; Chief Belloat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

St. Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chief Belloat arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Givens stated in reference to the sludge press, they have installed the belts and blades as well as replaced the gears and it is now up and running. The guys did a good job on the installation, and they are now back to land applying their sludge. Again, it is running good.

Lois Gray arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Givens continued his report by stating he attended a seminar in West Lafayette with Aaron Burke of Bernardin Lochmueller. He receive five hours towards his CEU's and it was a good opportunity. He then stated on September 18, from 10:00 am to noon, they will be hosting the Southwest Indiana

Operators Association seminar at the plant. He added CEU's will be involved and they will set up in the new shop building. He invited everyone to attend and added it is a great opportunity for them. Mayor Tucker agreed and added that is a great way to showcase the plant, get people in, and they won't have to travel to get some credits. Supt. Givens agreed and added it is nice to be able to host this event and show off the new equipment. It's a good thing. Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ? There were none.

Chief Beloit stated he would like permission to attend the IACP Fall Conference September 3 through September 5. Board member Curtis moved permission be given as well as use of the city credit card and city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Fuelling. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ? There was none. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, beginning with Randy Yeida and Susan Marshall, requesting the weed liens be released on 609 Wolflin. Mr. Yeida stated he is asking that the weed liens be waived on 609 Wolflin. He stated they (he and his sister, Susan Marshall) purchased the home at tax auction and were told they had a clear deed but they have since found out there are weed liens on it. Mayor Tucker stated they have done this in the past, and all the city asks is that the property be improved and put back on the tax rolls. He added the city has also been doing some work in that area. Board member Fuelling asked if they currently live in the area ? Mr. Yeida replied no and added their mother does. He stated they actually bought the house for their brother, but now they will probably tear it down and go from there, since fire destroyed it. Mayor Tucker asked if Comm. Dieterle had a problem with waiving the liens ? Comm. Dieterle replied no. Board member Fuelling moved they remove all weed liens on 609 Wolflin. Seconded by Board member Curtis. Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ? There was none. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ? Becky Higgins stated she is present on behalf of River Days to request street closings. She added she believes there is going to be a barricade issue since there are so many events. She then stated Icing on the Cake is requesting their area not be blocked off until after 2:00 pm on Thursday since that is their closing time. On Saturday the Kiwanis is having their 5K run, there is a pet parade and then the big parade at 6:00 pm. She asked that there also be no parking on Main Street between 2nd and 4th streets between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm due to the parade. She continued by stating on Sunday the car show will be going on and that area will still need to be blocked off. She stated there will be 148 booths this year, and 35 food booths. It is getting bigger and bigger. All food booths will be on Water Street this year as well and due to the Landing, etc. parking will also now be an issue. She added they also want to accommodate 5/3 Bank and not allow parking in their lot on Saturday until after noon. Board member Fuelling moved all the requested streets be blocked and that River Days get with Comm. Dieterle on the barricade issue. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Higgins then asked if Chief Beloit has had time to work on the security issue ?

Chief Beloit replied they will need approval to have the cost of the security split 50/50 between the city and River Days committee. He added they will be adding more hours possibly and starting earlier on Friday and Saturday, but other than that, no changes from last year.

Ms. Higgins added the committee will also help pay for any extra time the street department requires as well for the trash pick.

Board member Curtis moved the cost of security be split between the city and River Days and that River Days help with any extra cost the street department might incur for extra trash pick ups.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Board member Fuelling stated he met with Mel Levin of the Greater Mount Vernon Association on the "pagoda" at riverfront, previously referred to as the multi-purpose building. He stated they feel a one story simple pagoda looking building would be best. He added this type of building would not block the view and they decided they would not need the building to have any storage, just cover up the irrigation system basically, and serve food if wanted. He then stated the building will be brick on the east and west and open on the north and south. It should cost a lot less money. There will be no stairway or steelwork involved. It should be much more appropriate. He then wondered how they should proceed ? He suggested they get with Bernardin Lochmueller and get estimates as he feels it could come in between \$40,000 and \$60,000. The Greater Mount Vernon Association is still willing to put money into this project.

Board member Curtis stated he likes this idea and feels they should go forward with the estimate and blueprints.

Board member Fuelling agreed and added he doesn't feel like they will be in for sticker shock this time.

Board member Curtis stated he can also see an advantage to open sides, the simpler the better – concrete block and brick. He then moved the move forward with getting blueprints and an estimate.

Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Fuelling added Friends of Park have really helped with this. He added flag poles, flags and banners should be up by Rive Days.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis move the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling. Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer